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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE FORCE MODERNIZATION: THE NAVY

REF: STATE 192026 (DTG 032031Z AUG 76)

1. THE DESIRE EXPRESSED IN REFTEL TO LEND A MULTINATIONAL CHARACTER TO THE NAVY SURVEY TEAM HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH ADMIRAL SOUTO CRUZ, CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE PORTUGUESE NAVY (PN). HIS PERCEPTION OF THE TEAM AS PRESENTLY CONSTRUCTED IS THAT IT IS ALREADY A JOINT PORTUGUESE-U.S. TEAM. WHEN HE ASKED ME FOR PLANNING ASSISTANCE FROM THE USN, HE ENVISIONED THE USN GIVING THE KIND OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PRESENTLY SCHEDULED. HE BELIEVES THE USN CAN BEST GIVE HIM THE EXPERTISE HE NEEDS NOW.

2. AFTER THE RESULTS OF THIS STAGE OF PLANNING ARE KNOWN, HE INTENDS TO MAKE THEM AVAILABLE TO THE NATO AD HOC COMMITTEE AND TO OTHER NATO COUNTRIES AS APPROPRIATE. AT THAT TIME HE WILL FOLLOW THROUGH ON  
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HIS EFFORTS, WHICH ARE ALREADY IN PROGRESS, TO GAIN

ASSISTANCE FROM GREAT BRITAIN AND THE FRG--INCLUDING  
ADDITIONAL SURVEY OR PLANNING ASSISTANCE IF REQUIRED.  
IT IS ADMIRAL SOUTO CRUZ'S JUDGMENT THAT THIS APPROACH  
WILL GIVE HIM THE BEST PROFESSIONAL RESULTS IN ORDER  
TO PROVIDE INPUTS TO THE NATO AD HOC COMMITTEE IN A  
TIMELY MANNER.

3. COMMENT: ADMIRAL SOUTO CRUZ HAS INCLUDED OTHER  
NATO COUNTRIES IN HIS PLANNING PROCESS; HE HAS  
VISITED GREAT BRITAIN AND IS GOING TO THE FRG IN  
OCTOBER. BOTH VISITS ARE TO SOLICIT SUPPORT AND  
ASSISTANCE. BELIEVE FURTHER PRESSURE TO CHANGE HIS  
PLANS AT THIS TIME WOULD BE A MISTAKE.  
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